

I understand that Pappas Telecasting Companies are donating \$325,000 in free airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas of my state, offering equivalent time to opposing candidates only on a paid basis. Surely, this is illegal; certainly it is an abuse of Pappas' access to public airwaves; it also clearly undermines the open debate necessary to free elections.

Pappas' donation goes counter to the public interest, and since the corporate headquarters are imposing this policy on their local stations, it also goes counter to the principle of localism the FCC must uphold.

We, the people, depend upon you, at the FCC, to insure that such blatant abuses are not permitted. Any delay on your part at this critical moment prior to the election would be the equivalent of permission.

Pappas' actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules and insure that license renewal is contingent on providing genuine public service.

Thank you.